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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 3 and 6 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

3. (Amended) An exposure device according to claim 1, wherein the rotation shaft is provided on an axis passing through a middle of the linear exposure light spot along the main scanning direction.

6. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said rotation shaft is provided on an axis passing through a middle of the linear exposure light spot along the main scanning direction.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

3. (Amended) An exposure device according to [claims] claim 1 [and 2], wherein the rotation shaft is provided on an axis passing through a middle of the linear exposure light spot along the main scanning direction.

6. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to [claims] claim 4 [and 5], wherein said rotation shaft is provided on an axis passing through a middle of the linear exposure light spot along the main scanning direction.